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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No: TA-00414

In re Application of: **Ronald P. Schmidt**

Examiner: John J. Gallagher

Serial No. **09/761,301**

Art Unit: **1773**

Filed: **January 16, 2001**

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD OF FORMING STRUCTURAL ASSEMBLIES WITH 3-D
WOVEN JOINT PRE-FORMS**

THIRD AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir or Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002, please amend the claims of the
above-identified application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-4, 10, 12, 30, 31, 33-35, and 44, amend claims 13, 16-18, 20, 21, 23,
24, 26, 27, 29, 32, 38, 39, 42, 43 and 45, and add new claim 46 as set forth below:

13. (Three Times Amended) A method of forming a structural assembly, comprising the step of:
affixing a first pre-cured assembly to a 3-D woven textile pre-form impregnated with an
uncured resin, an adhesive film being located between said first pre-cured assembly and said pre-
form;